

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON AGING
MEETING MINUTES | November 16, 2022

Commission Members Present:

Dr. Rose Maria Li, Chair
Dr. John Haaga
Joy Hatchette, JD
The Honorable Benjamin Kramer
Barry Liden, JD
Dr. Jay Magaziner
Dr. David Roth
Diane Ty, MBA, MA

Commission Members Absent:

Paula Blackwell, MBA, MHA
Dr. George Rebock
The Honorable Kathy Szeliga
Dr. Allen Tien

Maryland Department of Aging (MDoA):

Secretary Rona Kramer (Non-Voting Representative)
Lisa O'Connor (Staff to Commission)

Welcome and Introductions:

Dr. Rose Li welcomed everyone and introduced new Commission Member, Diane Ty.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the September 21, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

MDoA Updates:

Secretary Rona Kramer reported the following...

- ❖ During COVID, we had a 500% increase in delivered meals
 - Some nutritional guidelines were waived to cover needs
- ❖ Maryland participated in the Restaurant Initiative Program during COVID
 - Restaurants worked with local Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to help feed those in need of meals
- ❖ The MDoA created Caregiver Service Corp
 - MDoA partnered with the Maryland Department of Health to reduce the usage of emergency services, for non-critical needs
 - MDoA assisted seniors in receiving COVID vaccines

- ❖ The MDoA's Senior Call Check program now has 1,100 participants
- ❖ The Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Program is thriving
 - Several tours have been provided to Legislators, AAA Directors, staff, and health care professionals
 - We plan to add a collection container at the Montgomery County Landfill
- ❖ MDoA is introducing GaitBetter to our AAAs
 - GaitBetter is a fall prevention program using VR technology
- ❖ Secretary Kramer thanked everyone for their hard work and continued dedication to the Seniors of our beloved State

Chair's Remarks:

Dr. Rose Li reported the following...

- ❖ Dr. Li reviewed and discussed suggestions for enhancing support for innovative programs
 - Engage Legislators
 - Increase Public Awareness
 - Work with Providers
 - Employ Evaluation/Metrics/Analyses
 - Leverage Non-State Funding
 - Implement Steps to Facilitate Transition to New Administration
- ❖ Dr. Li introduced proposed areas of emphasis for 2023, accompanied by a review of previous years' accomplishments and initiatives

New Business:

Nothing to report.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm.